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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 21, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A method of making mesoporous silica materials, comprising the steps of
 - (a) combining a silica precursor with an aqueous solvent, an acid and a surfactant having an ammonium cation into a silica precursor solution,
 - (b) templating the silica precursor with the surfactant and obtaining the mesoporous material from the templated silica precursor,
 - (c) forming said silica precursor solution into a preform; and
 - (d) rapidly evaporating said aqueous solvent from said preform for obtaining the mesoporous material, wherein the improvement comprises:

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